

**CONSOLIDATION
MEETING IS ON.**

There Will Be a Big Gathering in New Haven on Thursday Night.

SLAVISH HALL IS THE PLACE

Anti-Annexationists Are Given Warm Invitation to Attend the Session. There Will Be Plenty of Speakers to Argue for Movement.

The Annexationists of New Haven will hold a mass meeting in the Slavish hall Thursday night at which time arguments will be made in favor of uniting the town with Connelville. John Dugan, one of the leading adherents of the movement, is in charge of the arrangements and he reports everything in good shape for a rousing session.

Those opposed to annexation are especially invited to attend. Mr. Dugan says he has some speakers scheduled who will show where it will be to New Haven's lasting advantage to consolidate. For this reason those opposed to the movement are wanted at the meeting.

In addition to local speakers of prominence on both sides of the river there will be one or two from out of town who will tell their experience with such matters in boroughs where consolidation has been tried.

**WILL DEDICATE
NEW CITY HALL**

Mayor Guthrie and Director Lang of Pittsburgh To Attend Uniontown Dedication Tonight.

Uniontown's new city hall, erected on a plot of ground originally given to that town by Jacob Beeson, one of its founders, will be dedicated tonight and there will be doing in the burg on the Redstone. During the day building has been open for inspection by visitors.

A committee from each of the five companies conducted visitors to the different rooms. The apartments of the Chief William Hook and Leister, and the Keystone companies were arranged for the occasion, while the third floor was decorated with palms. Italian artists have beautified the firemen's rooms by paintings on the walls.

During the evening addresses will be made by Mayor George Guthrie and E. G. Lang, Director of the Department of Public Safety, Pittsburgh; Judge National Being, Attorneys R. F. Hopwood, D. W. McDonald, Woods N. Carr and Burgess R. D. Warner of Uniontown. Vocal solos will be rendered by the Moses Abraham and Brooks.

The banquet at the McClelland House will be held immediately after the dedicatory services. Plates will be laid for 160 at \$2 each. R. F. Hopwood will be toastmaster. Talks will be made by Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen on "The Court," Our Public Schools, G. J. Scott, "Our Neighborhood," Hon. George W. Guthrie, "The Good Citizen," Dr. W. Hamilton Spence, "The Press," Editor W. H. Cooke.

The steam fire engine that was purchased in 1876 and arrived June 21, 1877, with the other fire apparatus is on exhibition on the first floor of the new building.

**HUGHES SLOGGED HIS
MAN WITH BIG BRICK**

And Stevenson Immediately Hunted Up a Copper and Had Him Pinned Hearing Tonight.

As the result of an altercation on the Young bridge last night Matthew Hughes of Dunbar, was arrested by Officer S. B. Decker at the West Penn walking room as he was about to take the 10:30 car out of town. Hughes wanted Ed Stevenson, a veteran engineer, with a brick after a warm argument.

Stevenson went to his boarding house and had his wound dressed and then went up town looking for an officer. He found Decker, who in turn located Hughes.

The Dunbar man gave bail for his appearance before Burgess Solomon this afternoon.

Took Time by the Forelock.
General James A. Beaver will be the Memorial Day orator at Tyrone. The members of the Grand Army post in that place secured him a year in advance of the time, thus making sure of his services.

**FRIENDS OF LAYTON
SAY HE TAKES FITS**

For This Reason They Will Try to Get Him Out of Trouble For Stealing Stuff.

MR. PLEASANT, Feb. 8.—Friends of Harry Layton are putting forth a unique plan to prevent his punishment for the larceny of a suit case, pair of shoes, new suit and gold watch from Thomas Halley of this place. They claim he is subject to fits and took the things while under a spell. They are now using every effort to get a certificate to this effect signed by a number of Connelville physicians who are familiar with the man's condition.

Layton took the stuff two weeks ago and went to Connelville. His mother, seeing the things, took them away from him until she could investigate. This caused Layton to fear apprehension and he disappeared.

Constable Karney arrested the young man in Scottdale yesterday afternoon and he entered a plea of guilty before Justice of the Peace L. S. Rhodes that afternoon.

**TRUSTEES REDUCE
QUORUM TO FIVE.**

Those of Library Met Yesterday Afternoon and Take Action in Matter.

ALSO PAY A NUMBER OF BILLS

Upon Recommendation of Mrs. Mary E. Dalgh, Librarian, \$500 Was Set Aside for Purchase of New Books. More Shelves to Be Added.

The Library Trustees met yesterday afternoon with eight out of the 12 members present, and appropriated \$500 for new books, approved all the bills up to January 1st, changed the by-laws making five members a quorum instead of seven and transacted other business of minor importance.

The members of the board, as at present constituted are as follows: Gracie, Trustees, Dr. J. C. McClelland, Captain Edmund Dunn, R. M. Rietz, Carl Sullivan, L. F. Ruth and H. H. Snyder.

Trustees on the part of Town Council, William McCormick, term expires the first Monday in March, 1909. R. P. Wallace and John F. Koozer, terms expire the first Monday in March, 1911.

Trustees on the part of the School Board, James S. Darr, term expires the first Monday in June, 1910; John A. Armstrong and F. C. Ross, terms expire the first Monday in June, 1911. The difficulty in getting a quorum has been such that at the last meeting, held July 24, 1908, an amendment was offered reducing the quorum from seven to five members. The special object of this meeting was to pass upon this amendment. It was adopted without dissent.

The following list of bills was presented and ordered to be paid out of the first funds available in the treasury:

The Bookshop Bindery, binding literature, \$28.45.
The Cleanola Company, Cleanola, Pa., \$2.00.

The Courier Company, labels, postage and incidentals, \$12.95.
P. T. Evans, repairing boiler, \$125.
G. F. Hood, books, \$8.00.

Frank Hughes, floor polish, etc., \$4.00.
Library Bureau, manila book pockets, \$5.00.

Johnson Coal Company, coal, \$30.19.
A. C. McClurg, books, \$23.84.
Henry Mulkin, New York, books, \$11.00.

Schell Hardware Company, supplies, \$42.50.
The H. M. Wilson Company of Minneapolis, Readers Guide and periodical literature, \$2.00.

The Mutual Subscription Agency, periodicals, \$14.55.
The Wheeler Coal Company, coal, \$24.

West Penn Electric Company, light, \$124.44.
Connellsville Water Company, water, \$116.

Coughenour & Company, concrete and sand for wall, \$13.35.
Total, \$708.03.

The necessity of keeping the library up to date was mentioned and the librarian presented a list of books amounting to between \$200 and \$300 which she said she had read reviews on and which she recommended for purchase. The recommendation was approved and \$500 was set aside for new books.

It was decided to add more shelving for the growing needs of the library and the immediate necessity of cataloging the books recently received from the School Board, and also to have a number of worn books rebound.

One Drunk Sentenced.

One drunk was sentenced at this morning's session of police court. He was given 48 hours by Burgess Solomon.

**HIGH SCHOOL TO
HONOR LINCOLN.**

Program for Exercises Friday Night Have Been Made Public.

VETERANS ARE ALL INVITED

Some of Them Will be Called Upon for Impromptu Speeches—High School Orchestra to Participate—Students to Eulogize Martyred President.

Final arrangements have been completed for the High School exercises to be held Friday evening in the Carnegie Free Library in honor of the one hundredth birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. The program promises to be of great interest and a great effort is being made by the teachers and students to have this event one of the best in the history of the schools. The program consists principally of orations on the life of Lincoln. No admission will be charged and a cordial invitation is extended to the patrons and friends of the school.

A special invitation has been extended to members of the William F. Kirtz Post No. 104, G. A. R. and the Union Veteran Legion. It is likely that impromptu addresses will be delivered by many of the veterans. Special exercises will be rendered Friday afternoon in many of the rooms. The program is as follows:

Selection by the High School of choir singing "America," audience prayer; oration, "The Boyhood of Lincoln," Roger Evans; oration, "Sketch of the Life of Lincoln," Harry Ash; song, "My Old Kentucky Home," audience; oration, "What Lincoln Lincoln Gave," Henry A. Porter; oration, "Abraham Lincoln," William Myers; song, "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean," by the audience; oration, "Lincoln as a Humanist," Miss Emma Jo Stillwagon; oration, "Lincoln in Literature," Miss Margaret Brennan; Lincoln's favorite poem, by Miss Helen Oelshlager; song, "Marching Through Georgia," by audience.

**BRACELETS FOR BAIT;
BRACELETS FOR HIM**

Looter of Uniontown Department Store Walks Into Trap and Is Nabbed. Now in Jail.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 9.—Pietro Marci, supposed to be a member of a gang of shoplifters, was yesterday afternoon arrested in the act of taking jewelry from a show case in the front of the store of the Wright-Metzel Company. Several pieces of jewelry were found on him. At the Marci home in a flat on North Pittsburgh street the police discovered a trunk filled with goods, alleged to have been stolen from local stores.

The trunk was opened in the presence of clerks of the Wright-Metzel store and E. Meyer, clothing. It contained three new soft hats, sets of men's underclothes, leather belts, four large pieces of fine silk, seven corsets, three full suits two overcoats, several pairs of shoes, and numerous small articles, all new. Most of the goods were identified as having come from the Wright-Metzel store. Two gold watches were also found in the prisoner's room.

The arrest resulted from a trap set for the thief, as small articles had been disappearing regularly from the show case. Two bracelets were used for bait and a watch was set. The moment Marci picked up the jewelry, three clerks pounced upon him and called the police. About \$100 worth of goods have been stolen from the store.

**GIRL OF EIGHT
SHOOTS HERSELF**

Daughter of a Bolivar Miner Sends Bullet Through Brain While at Play.

GREENSBURG, Feb. 9.—"Papa, I'm going to shoot," laughingly shouted eight year old Mary Flinn to her father, Henry Flinn, a miner of Bolivar, as she placed a .38-caliber revolver to her head and pulled the trigger. The bullet penetrated the brain and the child died instantly.

The mother is dead and the father, who has been taking care of his four children unaided, tried to reach the little one, but was too late. The revolver had hung on a door frame for four months and the child had climbed on a chair to get it.

Coroner H. A. McMurray will investigate the case.

**BIG ORDER GIVEN
BY B. & O. FOR RAILS**

Cambria, Steel Company, Johnstown, Gets Share of First Big Contract of Year.

Contracts for 37,000 tons of steel rails, costing more than \$1,000,000; 10,000 kegs of spikes; 5,000 kegs of bolts, as well as large quantities of angle bars and other track fixings, were awarded Saturday by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. This is the first large expenditure for supplies that the Baltimore & Ohio has authorized in more than a year, and indicates that the railroads generally are preparing for heavy business.

Delivery must begin within 30 days. It was stated that the bulk of the 37,000 tons of rails will be used in maintenance work along the Pittsburgh division and main line, and it is expected that the company will place another large order within the next few months for renewals and replacements. The order for rails is divided among the Cambria, Steel Company, Maryland Steel Company, Bethlehem Steel Company, Cambria Steel Company and the Illinois Steel Company.

The rails will be of 90 and 100 pounds weight. The standard price of steel rails is \$28 a ton, making the total expenditure for rails alone \$1,036,000.

So far the company has not taken any action on contracts for freight or passenger cars or locomotives, but it is expected that some large orders will be placed shortly.

**HARRY HACKENBURG IS
WHITE PLAGUE VICTIM**

Well Known Local Musician Died in Pittsburgh Last Evening—Lived Here Six Years.

Harry J. Hackenberg, aged 29, a resident of Connelville for the past several years, died last evening shortly before 6 o'clock at the home of his brother, Clem Hackenberg, No. 123 Second street, Pittsburgh. Requiem high mass will be celebrated tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at St. Mary's of Mercy Church on the corner of Third avenue and Ferry street, Pittsburgh. Interment in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Hackenberg came to Connelville in 1902 and was one of the best and most widely known musicians in Connelville and vicinity. He was leader of the Colonial orchestra and played at the opening of the Colonial theatre. Later he had charge of the Soloman orchestra. Mr. Hackenberg had been ailing for about a year and a half and about two months ago he gave up work on account of his health. While in Connelville he made his home at the Wyman hotel. He had a wide circle of friends who will regret to learn of his death.

Two weeks ago he was taken to the home of his brother in Pittsburgh where his condition gradually became more worse. He was conscious almost up until his death and at his request James Allen and A. J. George, who were among his nearest friends, will serve as pallbearers. Deceased was a member of the A. F. of M. of Pittsburgh and has been a member of some of the best orchestras in Western Pennsylvania.

**WILL MAKE COKE
IN NEW MEXICO**

W. H. Watt Off Today to Take Charge of a Big Operation There.

Wm. H. Watt, son of Louis Watt, a well known yard boss of the Klondike region, and himself formerly yard boss for the South Fayette Coke Company, left today for Dawson, N. M., to take the position of superintendent of the coke plant there of the Dawson Fuel Company, which owns 45,000 acres of coal in New Mexico, which it is proceeding to develop.

The Dawson Fuel Company until recently used annually in the neighborhood of 500,000 tons of coke made in Fayette county. Recently it decided to develop its coal and has now in operation 1,000 beehive ovens and is preparing plans for the building of 3,000 more. At present the company is burning 27,000 tons of coke monthly. Watt goes to New Mexico on the recommendation of James W. Abraham, the Uniontown coke man.

Negro Assaults Negro Woman.
BROWNsville, Feb. 9.—While at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Jones, of Sandy Hollow last evening, Georgia Payne, colored, was assaulted by a strange negro, who entered her bedroom. Jones, her brother-in-law, came to the rescue and ejected the negro, who is said to be known to the Brownsville police.

Held Staff Meeting.
The weekly staff meeting of the West Penn by C. W. Schock representing the Pittsburgh office, was held this morning in the offices here.

**PALLBEARER JOINS
FRIEND IN DEATH**

Somerset County Man Dies a Few Hours Before Chum's Funeral.

GRIEF HASTENED HIS END

Ephraim Coleman, a Veteran Police Officer of the Northside, Pittsburgh, Passes Away Suddenly Before He Could Help to Bury His Comrade.

Ephraim Coleman, an Allegheny policeman for many years, and a native of Somerset county, died on the Northside, Pittsburgh yesterday, a few hours before the funeral of his most intimate friend and chum, one of whose pallbearers he was to have been. Grief helped to hasten Coleman's end.

Coleman was to have been a pallbearer yesterday afternoon at the funeral of Nicholas Kelsch, who for 22 years was connected with the police department of the Northside. Kelsch was 74 years old and Coleman 65, and both were noted for their bravery.

Only a short time before the hour for the funeral of Officer Kelsch, word reached the department that Officer Coleman also had died very suddenly. Although his death was unexpected, his health had not been good for some time. He had grieved much over the death of his friend, "Nick" Kelsch, with whom he had worked for many years.

Coleman first served the Northside as a "watchman," going the "rounds" with a lantern, and ever and anon shouting "AB's well!" He also used a wheelbarrow in taking many prisoners to the "lockup." When a call was issued for volunteers for service in the Civil War, however, Coleman was among the first to respond, enlisting for three years. At Antietam he was wounded three times, and ever afterward carried a bullet in one of his legs. After the war he was reappointed a policeman on the Northside and he had been in the service practically ever since. A wife and five children survive him.

Mr. Coleman was well known in Meyersdale and Somerset county and was an uncle of Edgar Coleman of Greenwood. He was also an uncle of Misses Georgia and Ella Coleman, and a brother-in-law of Mrs. A. J. Coleman of Uniontown.

**TRESCA GETS OFF
BY PAYING FINE**

Jail Sentence of Italian Editor is Revoked by Court this Morning.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 9.—At this morning's session of sentence court the jail sentence of six months imposed upon Carlo Tresca some weeks ago as punishment for libelling Annie Folan, housekeeper for the Rev. Di Salvo of Connelville, was revoked and Tresca will be freed upon the payment of costs and the \$500 fine imposed. Tresca was first sentenced to a jail term.

Fred Miller of Uniontown, convicted of receiving stolen hides, was given a year to jail and his sentence may be modified if he pays the costs. Physicians testified that Miller is in bad health and a penitentiary sentence might result in death. Other sentences handed down by the court are as follows:

Robert Wright, assault and battery, three months to the workhouse; Charles Veckoch, assault and battery, 30 days to jail; Alex Leichenstein, carrying matches in mine, \$25 and costs; Joe Burton, assault and battery, nine months to workhouse; Henry Smith, larceny, three months to workhouse.

**TRAUGER HAS MEASLES;
SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED**

Eighty Cases Have Been Reported to Health Officer in Date and No Relief in Sight.

MT. PLEASANT, Feb. 9.—The hills town of Trauger, near here, is stricken with what appears to be an epidemic of measles. There are 80 cases among the children of that community, all of which have been reported to the State Health officer located at Mt. Pleasant. Other cases are expected to develop.

Owing to the prevalence of the malady it has been necessary to close the public schools there.

The Weather.
Rain tonight; snow Wednesday; much colder Wednesday night, is the noon weather bulletin.

**SOMERSET FIREMEN
AT ANNUAL BANQUET**

They Gather 'Round the Festive Board, Eat and Hear Words of Good Cheer.

SOMERSET, Feb. 9.—Friday evening the annual banquet of the Somerset Fire Department was held in the Hotel Vannear and about eighty members of the fire department and a number of invited guests. An elaborate dinner was served and at the conclusion Frank M. Forney, the toastmaster for the evening, arose and introduced a number of speakers, among whom were Judge Francis J. Kooser, Milton J. Pritts, Esq., Elmer E. Pritts, Howard Boose, Ross R. Scott, Esq., and several others.

The principal event of the evening was the presentation of lockets to the retiring officers of the fire department. The recipients of these most treasured tokens for faithful services rendered were Norman E. Berkeley, who was President of the department in 1908; Irvin Saylor, Chief Marshal, and Ross Davis and George Kneel, Marshals. The lockets are made of gold and are neatly engraved with the name of the recipient and the office which he filled.

**CIRCULATE PAPER
AFTER MARCH 10**

South Connellsville Citizens Hold Enthusiastic Incorporation Meeting.

ALL SEEM TO FAVOR MOVE.

Map of Proposed Borough Discussed Favorably. While Attorney Mathews Submits Petition For Consideration—Straw Vote is Taken.

There was an enthusiastic meeting of the incorporation advocates in the Ritchey Church at South Connellsville last night when plans for forming a borough were thoroughly discussed. Engineer J. B. Hogg and his map, and Attorney R. S. Mathews with his petition, were the center of interest. The map was studied carefully and seemed to meet general approval.

The petition will not be circulated for legal reasons, until March 10. But a straw vote was taken among the property owners present and out of the 100 or more present, practically all of them affixed their signatures. The next meeting will be held March 10, at which time the original petition will be submitted to the property owners of the district it is proposed to incorporate.

**HIS LIFE SPARED BUT
SWEETHEART IS KILLED**

Greensburg Contractor Will Have Sad Homecoming When He Returns From Stricken Italy.

GREENSBURG, Feb. 9.—The homecoming of Tessa Raimondi, the young Greensburg Italian contractor, who sailed for Messina, Italy, about two months ago to claim his bride, will be indeed a sad one. He arrived there but a short time before the awful earthquake, in which his sweetheart lost her life.

Greensburg friends of the young man did not know whether he had lost his life in the Southern Italian horror. Many firmly believed that the young man and his intended wife had both been destroyed.

On Saturday Frank Cavalleri, a local Italian, received a letter from Raimondi, in which he assured his friends that his life had been spared. He chronicled pitifully the loss of his beloved sweetheart.

Raimondi had erected a new home in Greensburg to bring his wife to on their return.

LOCAL CASE ARGUED.

Borough is Fighting Verdict to Mrs. Mrs. Hannah Fleming.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 9.—At argument court this morning Attorney E. C. Higbee argued for the borough against the verdict awarded Mrs. Hannah Fleming for \$600 against the borough of Connelville.

This was for filing in an alley, Mrs. Fleming claiming damage had been done to her property.

Might Strain a Point.
PITTSBURGH, Feb. 9.—Secretary Winnet of the Carnegie Hero Commission, says that Captain Sealy and the wireless operator, Jack Bains, of the sunken steamer Republic, are not eligible for medals because they were outside of the three-mile limit and were not in American waters.

**JURY TAMPERING
NOT FOR ECHARD.**

His Activities at Ambridge, 'Tis Said, Due to "Bleeding" Desire.

WANTED TO WORK RINEHART

Reported That "Fleshy Man" Was Offered \$5,000 To Shield Worley and Smith—Denies Any Effort to Approach Juror See.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 9.—Blandly the alleged Rinehart jury fixer, John C. Echard, is said to have told United States Attorney John W. Dunkle that his activity in the vicinity of Ambridge—the home of Junior Charles A. See—was due to a strong desire to "bleed" the former Waynesburg banker and not to any intentions of jury tampering. Mr. Dunkle also asserts that Echard informed him that he had been offered \$5,000 to give himself over to the Federal authorities with a plea of guilty to shield Smith and Worley, co-defendants in the case, the latter being a brother-in-law of Rinehart.

Echard, who has been dubbed the "fleshy man" of the trial, is now in jail and will be given a hearing before United States Commissioner William T. Lindsey this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Mr. Dunkle yesterday told the following story of the interview: "I had a talk with Echard and he doesn't attempt to deny he was down in Ambridge. He does disclaim, however, any attempt to reach Juror See. He says that he merely wanted to get as much money as he could from Rinehart. He then told me that just after the arrest of Smith and Worley he had been offered \$5,000 to surrender himself, take all the blame and go one year to the penitentiary."

At the hearing this afternoon Mrs. See, wife of the Ambridge juror, will be one of the government's chief witnesses. She will be asked to identify Echard as the man who is said to have come to the See home on a certain evening and left word for the juror to meet him at Bauer's Hotel on Federal street, Northside.

It was learned yesterday that County Detective John Engert, assisted by the ranks of those who for weeks have been searching for John C. Echard, the alleged jury fixer, who is now in jail following his arrest Friday evening by Deputy United States Marshal Joseph Irons.

Engert has a half dozen warrants charging Echard with passing worthless checks. Among these the "fleshy man" is said to have duped are: Solomon Sisman for \$5, a Connelville hotelkeeper for \$10, Fort Pitt Hotel for \$5, Harry Brunot of Greensburg for \$5 and John Lang, Smithfield street, for \$5.

**THIS COMPANY MADE
VERY GOOD SHOWING**

Connellsville Manufacturing Company Declares Dividend and Stockholders Choose Officers.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Connellsville Manufacturing Company held Saturday the following Directors were re-elected: President, I. C. Smutz; Vice President, H. H. Yarnell; Secretary and Treasurer, E. J. Smutz, and Directors H. S. Johnson and F. S. McCollough. The usual annual dividend of six per cent. was declared and reports made show the company to have had the best year in its history, having kept two men on the road most of the year introducing its Climax Washing Tablets into new territory and its factory in Greenwood has been kept running practically the entire year.

The directors and stockholders feel proud of the record the company has established the last three years, paying dividends averaging six per cent. during the three years.

Charged With Passing Counterfeits.
Simon Pavlich, a Horvath living in Republic, is under arrest charged by Kruse & Duryar, New Salem bankers, with having exchanged \$108 worth of Hungarian money which is alleged to be counterfeit. Pavlich claims he recently received the money from a man at McKees Rocks. The Hungarian Consul at Pittsburgh is investigating the matter to determine whether the bills are counterfeit. Pavlich and his wife told conflicting stories about the bills.

Fever Closes School.
The public school at Oars has been closed because of a threatened epidemic of scarlet fever. A little Slavish girl took the disease and died before medical attendance could be secured for her. Other schools in the vicinity will likely have to close, as there are a number of cases in the district.

SPECIAL MEETING AT JACOBS CREEK

On Wednesday Night for the
New Converts of
Revival

THERE WERE ABOUT SIXTY-FIVE

John Stauffer Took Fast Drive to Con-
necting—New Fire Whistle Has
Arrived—School Board Met Last
Night

SCOTSDALE, Feb. 8.—There will be a special meeting for the friends and recent converts to the highly successful revival meeting which has been held at the Jacobs Creek Methodist Episcopal Church, and through which about 65 persons, young and old have been converted, one of the most successful revivals in religion ever held in that ancient church, which was the first built in this community. The meeting will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:30, and under the leadership of the pastor Rev. A. A. Auld, Rev. M. C. Curran, an evangelist, assisted at the meeting for one week, and this was followed by two weeks under the pastor, and may continue longer, if the people desire. Several persons have joined the church on probation and others will join soon. The most of the converts come from the Brownstown section of town, with many others from Old Meadows, and toward Owensdale. Rev. Curran and a number of the Jacobs Creek people, including Harry Koser, A. B. Taylor and C. D. Hixson, will start a meeting sometime this week at Morgan, where they have been having a well attended Sunday School for the past few weeks.

Par. E. F. Gibbs' Funeral.
William Ferguson, of the firm of (Ferguson & Ferguson) made a surprise trip to the town of Conowingo, Md., for the body of E. F. Gibbs, a prominent citizen of Mt. Pleasant, who died suddenly in that institution yesterday morning. Mr. Ferguson had but a short time after receiving word to take charge of the funeral to secure a casket and get it to Marlinton. After getting one John Stauffer driving a bay team made a quick trip, over the wintry roads to Conowingo, Md., doing the drive in 40 minutes, which is traveling expeditiously.

Surprise Party Given.
A pleasant surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Rosensteel, at New Stanton on Saturday, the occasion being Mrs. Rosensteel's 62nd birthday anniversary. Among those present were Mrs. Franks Simpson, and daughter, Viola; Mrs. John Myers and daughters, Mary and Isabel; Mrs. John Rath, Mrs. Jefferson Freeman, Mrs. George Freeman and children of Scottdale.

Fire Whistle at Here.
The new fire whistle ordered for the borough has arrived and was taken to the Scottdale Furnace yesterday afternoon, and it is expected will be installed today. Superintendent Everhart having chosen a good place for its presence, which Master Mechanic T. C. Elmer will see to its installation. It is likely that the whistle will be given a test blow soon, and if so the people need not grow alarmed, as there should be a fire then the regular signal will be blown. A new ax has also been received for the equipment of the Fourth ward hose company.

School Board Meeting.
The school board met last night to consider further the matter of the new school building, which the board considered a week ago. The plans for the building are coming along expeditiously it is said.

GIRL VICTIM OF BRUTAL ASSAULT

Flora Ellsworth, Aged 22, Attacked
on Road Near Shamrock
Last Night.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 8.—Flora Ellsworth, aged 22, was attacked by an unknown assailant last night on the road to Shamrock. When found some time later she was unconscious and suffering from two bullet wounds, one in the thigh and the other in the elbow.

The attack was made about 150 feet from the Shamrock mine, where the girl was employed as a domestic in the home of Miss Foreman Joshua Blatter. The girl knows nothing of the affair save that she was struck on the back of the head, the blow rendering her unconscious.

The county authorities are working on the case and the girl's condition is serious. While the bullet wounds are not serious, the shock and blow had a bad effect.

PATRICK SOLD OUT.

New Haven Merchant's Stock Only
Brought \$250.

John Patrick the New Haven grocer, was sold out yesterday at Sheriff's sale at the suit of Charles Cohen. The store was bought in by George Voscheck of New Haven. The groceries and store fixtures only were sold for \$250.

Patrick bought the store from Voscheck, one year ago.

SERVANT CONFESSES

Wrote Blackmail Letter After Reading
Nickel Thriller.
Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 8.—Mrs. Mary Walker, a domestic in the household of Thomas S. Sweeney, the business man who received letters demanding \$500 on pain of death, has confessed she was the author of the missives. She was taken to the county jail and is charged with attempted extortion.

She read a Blackmail story in a well-known magazine and decided to play the game herself. A negro butler fastened the crime upon the woman, though identifying the paper on which the letters were written. Mrs. Walker is a widow of six weeks and has been in the employ of the Sweeney family only a short time.

HERE'S ANOTHER VERSION

Roosevelt Going to Africa to Establish
Another Colony.

Ridgway, Pa., Feb. 8.—Dr. J. Meritt Driver of Chicago declared during a lecture before Ridgway people that he had just come from the continent of Africa, and had concluded from inside information and confidential talk at the capital, that Mr. Roosevelt is not going to Africa, principally to shoot chipmunks or bag a few hippopotami and elephants.

He said it is well known that Great Britain is anxious to have the United States in Africa, and he expressed it as his conviction that Roosevelt's visit will mean the planting of the Stars and Stripes in the dark continent.

WAS LINCOLN PALLBEARER

Simon S. Barr of Altoona Last Sur-
vivor of Twelve Tail Men.

ALTOONA, Pa., Feb. 8.—Simon S. Barr, who was born in Hollidaysburg, Blair county, Pa., in 1840 and who is now a resident of this city, has the distinction of being the last survivor of the twelve active pallbearers at the funeral of Abraham Lincoln.

While serving in the veteran reserve corps Mr. Barr was chosen as one of the first sergeants who officiated as active pallbearers for President Lincoln, each of the twelve being over six feet in height.

BEGIN WORK TODAY

Legislative Committee Investigating
Meansville-Pennsylvania.

MEANSVILLE, W. Va., Feb. 9.—The special legislative committee appointed to investigate the charges of graft at the West Virginia penitentiary at this place began its work here today. Delegate E. S. Moore who preferred the charges and who has been on the ground for two days, says the investigation will prove the greatest sensation in the history of the state.

The News of Nearby Towns.

VANDERBILT.

VANDERBILT, Feb. 8.—Mr. and Mrs. James Carson of Perryopolis, spent Sunday here with the latter's mother. Mrs. W. W. Burry of Pittsburgh, spent Sunday with her family here.

Mrs. Sarah Townsend and daughter, Mary, were shopping in Connelville Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Horner of Connelville, were the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Oglevee, on Sunday.

Ernest Kelley was a Connelville caller Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Burry of Pittsburgh, spent Sunday here on business.

Julia Wilson is spending a few days with her cousin, Maude Wright of McClellandtown.

The entertainment entitled the "Dramatic Boys" meeting was held in the Christian Church Sunday evening, was largely attended.

W. J. Reed is about after a few days illness.

Lindsay McFarland was in Uniontown Saturday calling on friends and transacting business.

Mrs. Thomas Johnson of New Haven was here Sunday, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ambrose.

John Walters of Homestead spent Sunday with his parents here.

Alva Reed was in Connelville yesterday calling on relatives and looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Wilson of Pittsburgh were guests of relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed of Perryopolis, was here Sunday the guest of relatives.

Lewis Violec is now in his new barbershop which he purchased from James Johnson. His former shop was burned in the recent fire.

Sturges Bailey of McKeesport, was calling on friends and relatives here this week.

Marie Moore of Beatty Pa. is visiting her parents this week.

DUNBAR.

DUNBAR, Feb. 8.—Miss Mary Provance who has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Baum, at the Furnace, left on Monday for her home at Uniontown.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly and daughter, Iona, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly at Vandyke on Sunday.

Mrs. Samuel Baum was shopping in Connelville on Monday.

Albert Williams of South Connelville was here on Sunday the guest of friends.

John Bryson of Scrifflights was here on Sunday the guest of his father and sister, Miss Catherine Bryson of Bryson Mill.

James Smith who has been the guest of friends at McKeesport for the past few days, returned home on Monday.

James Skinner of Ohio was here over Sunday the guest of friends.

Clark Pope was a business caller in Connelville Monday.

Westley Hilt of Ohio was here over Sunday the guest of friends.

Mrs. Henry Schlichter was visiting friends in Connelville on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarland of the Central Hotel were the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McFarland at Vandyke on Sunday.

Miss Bona Kelly, who is cashier at the Valley supply store and Mrs. John McFarland at Vandyke on Sunday.

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Oran Long was shopping in Connelville on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McElhenny were calling on friends in Dawson on Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. D. S. McKenny was in Connelville on Friday evening attending the I. K. I. dance which was given at the Amos.

George McCormick of Uniontown was here on Monday transacting business.

Miss Minnie Pothol was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Coffman in Uniontown on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Welles was the guest of friends and relatives in Connelville on Sunday.

Harry Price of Pitsburg was here on Sunday the guest of friends.

Prof. W. H. Jones of Masonstown was here on Sunday the guest of friends.

BERLIN.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—Miss Brown of Salisbury was in town for several days instructing her class in music.

John M. Landis moved into the house on East Main street which he recently purchased of R. H. Witte.

J. O. Koller has a new and two acres of ground, facing on Cumberland street from C. A. Floto and will erect thereon the coming summer a dwelling house.

William Finner and wife of Cumberland Md. are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Floto on East Main street.

A young couple belonging to a local young folks from McDonald, hitched in front of Grok's department store last Friday evening broke loose and ran away, breaking the vehicle and putting it out of commission.

The young folks drove to town to attend the dance at the skating rink and did not find out what had happened to their car until the dance was over.

Dr. R. B. Colvin spent from Saturday to Monday with several friends.

Rev. W. S. Sykes was called to the eastern part of the State the latter part of the week, therefore there was no preaching at the Reformed Church Sunday.

Edward Baldwin has been home for the past several days on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Constantine Geisler May is still housed up with an attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

J. E. Hall has been awarded the contract to erect the business block for Frank L. Groff to be built on the lot recently purchased from E. Liffon on Main street.

Two stories with basement which will be fitted up as a skating rink and dance hall, will be erected on the lot.

Work will be started about the first of April.

MEYERSDALE.

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CASSELMAN.

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Miss Ellen Carson after spending a few weeks in Kingswood, has returned home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Gross and Mrs. Ida Gross of New Lexington were calling on friends here Saturday.

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Mrs. James Witt and daughter Nina, who have been the guests of friends and relatives in this place for the past week returned to their home in Connelville Saturday evening.

Mrs. A. M. Granger and granddaughter, Miss Maude Lint, were calling on friends in Meyersdale Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kirkpatrick and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. VanSickle are visiting friends in Winboro.

Grandmother Brown who has been seriously ill for the past week, died Sunday at the home of her son, Milton Rint.

Blayne Kirkpatrick was calling on Mark Koser yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Enos are visiting the latter's brother, William Liphart, of Johnstown.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
Those issued in Somerset County Since Last Report.

SOMERSET, Feb. 8.—The following marriage licenses have been issued by Register Bert T. Landis since the Courier's last report.

Josef Amick and Josefa Muzina, both of Winboro.

Henry A. Domer and Susan Oehler, both of Sand Patch.

E. W. Welmer and Linole Christner, both of Sand Patch.

Stefen Toth of Hooversville, and Annie Polovits of Johnstown.

John Annals and Mary Matovits, both of Sand Patch.

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TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 9, 1909.

WHY CONSOLIDATION IS WISE FOR NEW HAVEN AND CONNELLSVILLE.

The people will pass upon the proposition for the consolidation of the boroughs of Conneltsville and New Haven at the election on Tuesday next. It is believed that the advocates of the measure are as strong in numbers as they are in arguments, and that the opposition is vice versa. The objections to consolidation are either negative in character or they are based upon false premises. We will first consider the advantages and later the objections so far as they have presented themselves to us.

The advantages of consolidation generally are those which accrue to all manner of corporate consolidations. Municipal corporations as well as industrial and financial corporations are enabled by judicious expansion to bring about large economies of operation and greater profit to their membership, which is in one case composed of the citizens and in the other of the stockholders. This rule is in nowise altered or modified by reason of the fact that some large towns and cities have been the victims of political grafters. Believing the matter right home, we may say that there is less danger to be apprehended from this source in the proposed Greater Conneltsville than has been experienced in the separate boroughs of Conneltsville and New Haven in times past when they were much smaller than they now are. There is wisdom in a multitude of citizens and it may be added that in an enlarged Conneltsville body or bodies there is less room for dishonesty. Consolidation, therefore, gives us reasonable assurance of more economical and more honest government than we have ever enjoyed before. In this respect its advantages extend to every citizen and taxpayer.

In the government of the larger as well as the smaller municipality all things are common and the benefits accrue equally to the citizens. This common gain is decreased by the expense of separate government. Take this community as an example. If it were divided into seven small boroughs within the confines of each proposed ward we can readily see how the multiplicity of borough officials would be costly to the taxpayers. South Conneltsville is talking about erecting itself into a borough. Its interests will be better subserved by consolidation with Conneltsville, just as in a greater degree will those of New Haven be promoted.

The primary advantage of consolidation may be suggested in a single simple query. Why are cities and towns built? It is true that man is a gregarious animal, but aside from that it is evident that there would be no considerable towns, and no cities at all, unless the citizens had not found it both convenient and profitable to dwell together in such communities and we have only to look about us to confirm the statement that the greater the community the greater the opportunities of its people for personal uplift in intelligence, enjoyment, wealth, power, fame. The larger the town or city the higher its real estate valuations and the greater its opportunities for advancement. Conneltsville real estate valuations have grown with the growth of the town, and so will they continue to grow. The advantages of growth are not theoretical. They have been amply demonstrated. The rule is an axiom.

This community is too big for proper government under the borough laws, which are intended to govern smaller towns. We have grown to the proportions of a city and should for the better promotion of our interests jointly and severally, taken on a city government which is more complete and which fixes more definitely the responsibilities of public administration. Its Mayor, for example, is responsible for the police and for the executive conduct of affairs generally, while its Controller is responsible for the proper audit and honest character of all its expenditures. Conneltsville alone now handles over \$50,000 annually, yet an expert audit a few years ago utterly

failed to ascertain where all the money had gone or whether it had been properly or improperly spent.

As noted in these columns recently, other communities like Conneltsville, New Haven and their suburbs are consolidating in order to secure to themselves under the coming census their right to be classed as cities and take on city government. A notable and nearby example is Uniontown. Some three years ago, that borough took in a large portion of its suburbs. The lines were stretched out the Pike in both directions and extended almost to Leith on the south and to the Evans farm on the north. It is not unlikely that the coming census will give Uniontown a population exceeding 10,000 within its present borough lines and with it the city classification. If we remain separate boroughs we will be outclassed. We will be set down in the books of the business world as a building and unimproving community dying if not wholly dead, and altogether unattractive to capital and industry. A vote against consolidation, under these circumstances, is a vote against progress; it is a vote to sign the death warrant of our prosperity.

Among the manifest advantages of consolidation, to New Haven particularly, are these:

1. Better schools, especially a High School, which will give our young people with an education equivalent to the best academic learning and fit them for the work of life in almost any capacity without further schooling or expensive institutions, many of which spoil more men and women than they make. The Conneltsville High School was recently pronounced by the State School Inspector to be the best and in fact the only real High School in Fayette county. Consolidation will give New Haven a Home College.

2. A free library that is a liberal education in itself for old as well as young.

3. Free postal delivery with possibly a substitution in New Haven if desired by the citizens, though this will perhaps be found unnecessary when the postoffice building is completed on this side. The new building is located with a view to the convenience of New Haven as well as Conneltsville, in fact with a view to the ultimate consolidation of the two boroughs.

4. The advantage of economy incident to cooperation in the matter of meeting the State's requirements regarding sanitary measures and sewage disposal plants. New Haven will be compelled to meet these demands separately if not jointly and in plain fact a joint system will be the least expensive.

5. The same can be said for the garbage system which we at present have, either in both towns or in one consolidated town.

6. More efficient and economical fire protection and consequently better fire insurance rates.

7. The name of Conneltsville, which is known and loved by the people of the denomination given to the Great furnace fuel in the world, is acquiring a name and becoming an integral part of Conneltsville. New Haven acquires two more railroads. It acquires a prominent place on the map, no longer a village but a town. It becomes associated with a name that is famous and a community which has a right to be proud of its name. In a word, then, New Haven will immediately be transformed from a small and obscure borough to a city of size and importance, and its opportunities for growth and gain will thereby be sensibly promoted.

These advantages in some degree are reflected upon Conneltsville, also. It is part of the city sought to be established and will obtain a third railroad along with New Haven.

But New Haven citizens should put aside the notion sought to be impressed upon them that they will be dominated by Conneltsville. There will no longer be any old Conneltsville or any old New Haven, but a new and larger community, incidentally known as Conneltsville, but in fact composed of a union of interests that must work for the common good. The next Mayor of the City of Conneltsville may just as likely come from the New Haven side of the river as from the Conneltsville side. Much will depend upon the man. The Conneltsville government will be divided among seven wards, and there is no more reason to think that the New Haven wards will not be treated fairly than that there will be discrimination between the Conneltsville wards. Such arguments sound like the obligations of silly adolescence.

Equally shortsighted is the argument that the suburban sections will receive no benefits from consolidation. The New Haven Hill people, for example, fear they will not get free delivery without paved streets. Paved streets are not required for free delivery. The requirements are passable sidewalks and numbered houses. Paved streets will come to all portions of the city in due order. The unimproved portions have no reason to doubt their early improvement. The central portions already have paved streets. The work there is done. The taxes gathered from these richer sections will be used in due proportion for the extension of street paving, and New Haven Hill has every reason to expect an earlier improvement in all her conditions under consolidation than she can possibly secure without it. The citizens there should make no mistake. They have a lively interest in the success of consolidation.

Worse even are the statements that consolidation will raise the taxes and the rents of New Haven people. The matter of taxation is specifically provided for in the consolidation agreement. Each old community will pay its old debts. The consolidated town will pay the expenses of its government out of the proceeds of an equal taxation. There is no more possibility of increased taxation under consolidation than there is under separation; in fact, there is not as much. It is merely a question of economical government. Rents are purely a commercial proposition regulated wholly by the inevitable law of supply and demand, and have absolutely no relation whatever to consolidation.

These are briefly some of the reasons why consolidation should be approved by the votes of the public-spirited, progressive and intelligent citizens of both Conneltsville and New



WAITING.
Congress—I think I'll just do nothing from now until March 4th except draw my salary.

Haven. We say briefly, in spite of the unusual length of this deliverance, because the subject is a big one and must necessarily be treated broadly.

It's a bad foreigner who circulates bad foreign money, but by the same token it would seem to be a bad banker who allowed himself to be imposed upon.

Uniontown will blow herself this evening.

The Shamrock mystery sounds almost like the beginning of a detective tale.

Trolley fares are going up, says Brownsville way.

The parole system differs from the payroll system, yet the two have at times an intimate relation.

Uncle Banks Holland's Woman Suffrage bill is a strong bid for the support of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for his Local Option bill.

Another Cold Wave is on its way. The winter variations are more devious than delightful.

The insurgents have broken out at Washington again.

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To the Public.

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<p>Neat designs in Wall Paper, suitable for kitchens, bed rooms, halls, and living rooms, a very pretty assortment to select from, for the bolt, 5c, 4c down to 2c</p> <p>Swirl patterns for bed rooms, parlors, reception halls, dining rooms, in fact every room in the house. These papers are printed on extra heavy paper and the colorings and designs are perfect. A wonderful assortment, the bolt 5c, 7c to 6c</p> <p>The finest gold finished papers, ingrain, duplex, two-tone, floral, and artistic blended effects in combination and independent patterns, bolt 50c down to 10c</p>	<p>EXAMINED WARE</p> <p>2 quart Coffee Pots mottled blue and white, and green and white, white lined, seamless, each 25c</p> <p>4 quart Kettles with enamel-lined cover, blue and white mottled, white lined, each 39c</p> <p>8 quart Berlin Kettles, same quality as above with enamel-lined cover 59c</p> <p>Water Pails 49c</p> <p>12 quart White Lined Water Pails 59c</p> <p>10 quart Galvanized Iron Pails 17c</p> <p>3 quart Granite Pails 10c</p> <p>5 quart Granite Pails 15c</p>
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Boys' School Shoes, 9 to 13 1/2, 99c	New York Racket Store	Curtain Stretchers 99c Set
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DUNN'S CASH STORES.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA.
129, 131 and 133 N. Pittsburg Street.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Western Penna.—Rain or snow in north rain in south portion Tuesday; Wednesday snow and much colder.

Showing New Goods

Through with stocktaking and busy opening up new goods. Starting on a new business year with a determination to serve you better than ever before. To use every effort to make you feel that this is your home store. Want to secure all the new customers possible, of course, but at the same time want to make our old friends realize more than ever that this is their store. That they have more than a right, rather that it is their duty to examine and pass opinion on every piece of merchandise in this store.

The New Suits

First showing this week of the new tailored suits for coming spring. Prices start at \$20.00 and from that on up to \$40.00. About 50 here now for you to choose from and more to show you each day. Whether you want to buy now or later we'll be glad to have you come in and see this showing. Not a word to say here about the quality and the style of the suits, or the way they are made or material from which they are made. Leave all that for you to judge of when you see the suits. Prices likewise. We are anxious to have your opinion of the suits and to have you tell us whether in your opinion this showing is or is not better than in previous years.

VOTE FOR
Samuel Williams
FOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR
of Dunbar Township.
Election Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1909.

A. J. BURKE
Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions.
Room 304 1st Nat. Bank Building, Conneltsville. Bell Phone.

CONNELLSVILLE, UNIONTOWN, GREENSBURG.

The Story of Our Tailoring Is Told in Few Words:

We make to order and measure only to fit and to satisfy. We carry no ready-made. Our goods come straight from the mills, in mill lots, at mill prices.

We have the biggest tailor shop in Conneltsville, Greensburg and Uniontown.

We make as quickly as you need and for about the prices you would pay for ready-made.

We make in much less time than any other good tailor, and for about half his prices. And we guarantee.

All clothes made by us pressed and kept in repair free of charge for one year.

THE MOSS TAILORING COMPANY,
147 W. Main St., - Seissen Block -
B. M. MOSS, Mgr.

New Wash Fabrics

Irish Poplin at 30c the yard; one of the prettiest of the new fabrics. Soft as silk and in colorings that you can not help but like. Beach suitings not a new fabric this year but new figures and new colorings. Past colors, made in plain colors and figured, 15c the yard. St. Gall ballade at 35c the yard in entirely new patterns and colorings. New percales and ginghams at 12 1/2c, 15c and 25c the yard. Patterns and colorings that will be hard to find later on in the season.

New Lace Curtains

Part of the curtain stock here now, balance in a few days. These are now mostly in 2 1/2 and 3 yard lengths and mostly curtains to sell at \$2.00 and \$2.50 the pair. These we call particularly to your attention because of the prices. Believe it is one of the best curtain buys this store ever made. Don't want to use the word bargain in describing new goods, but no other word describes these \$3 and \$2.50 curtains. You'll not find such values shown elsewhere in this vicinity.

New 9x12 Rugs

Starting at \$16.00 and from that on up to \$40.00. A collection here that if you have a rug want you can not afford to miss seeing before you buy. Call particular attention to the Stinson Tapestry Rugs at \$25.00 and the Stinson Velvet Rugs at \$25.00. Pretty patterns and quality that cannot be found in other rugs for this price.

Winter Coats

Still some of these left and we want to get rid of them as quickly as possible. Marked them at prices that mean economy for you if you need a coat. The sooner you come the better selection you will have.

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Discovered in

Stock Taking

170 dozen yards of Val. Lace and Insertions, 5c, 7c and 8c values. On sale **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8th at 29c** the piece of one dozen yards. Sold by the dozen only.

Embroidery Beading

About 260 yards of Embroidery Beading, 5 and 6 yards to the piece, sold by the piece only at 2c the yard.

Sale of Ladies' Shirt Waists Monday and Tuesday

33 1/2 PER CENT. OFF			
Lawn Waists—Lace and Embroidery Trimmed.			
100 People	\$1.00 Waists	\$3.00 Waists	One Lot of About 100 Waists
Made	\$1.50 Waists	\$3.75 Waists	
Happy	\$2.50 Waists	\$4.50 Waists	
	\$1.67	\$3.00	

\$5.50 WAISTS \$3.67.

New Ecru Net

All Over Ecru Net with dots and figures for Ladies' Waists, 45 inches wide, regular price 75c. Price for Monday only is

50c the Yard

The first of our New Spring Suits have just arrived.

106 W. MAIN STREET, — CONNELLSVILLE.

Zeigler Brothers' Boots

NEW SUEDE BUTTON BOOTS

Just received more new suede button boots (black from Zeigler Bros., Philadelphia. Black suede is the new thing in footwear and promises to be a leader this spring and summer. We now have all sizes and widths.

\$5.00

PATENT CLOTH TOP BUTTON

Also received more new cloth top button boots from Zeigler Bros. This makes the fifth lot of these boots we have gotten this winter, never had a prettier boot nor one that took so well with the ladies. All sizes and widths.

Price \$4.00

C. W. DOWNS & CO.,
Connellsville's Leading High Grade Shoe Store

Wear Resisting Work Shoes

Any man, no matter what his work may be, can find shoes at our store well suited to the wear he will give them.

They are all made on good shaped lasts that fit right.

The uppers are substantial stocks that wear smooth, being plump in weight, yet soft and pliable; the soles, heels and counters are solid leather, the shoemaking in every pair is good.

Dependable shoes that have no little degree of style and sold at honest prices.

\$1.75, \$2, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3

Norris & Hooper

104 West Main Street.

LOCAL MEN WERE GREATLY PLEASED.

A. B. Kurtz and C. T. Giles
Enthusiastic over Prospects
in Texas and Oklahoma.

THEY HAVE TAKEN UP LAND

G. C. Kurtz Will Go To The Southwest
Soon To Manage Big Fruit Farm.
Other Connellsville People Invest in
Promont Real Estate.

A. B. Kurtz and C. T. Giles who but recently returned from a three weeks trip into the Southwest, are enthusiastic over the prospects of that country and believe the twelve trainloads of men—merchants, professional men and farmers—who went out at the same time from all sections of the country are not doing so without a reason.

The two Connellsville jewellers have taken up considerable land in the Promont district of Texas where others from this section have also bought property. This land will be developed later. It is expected that a number of families from the coke region will make their future home in that section.

In addition to buying land in Texas, Messrs. Kurtz and Giles have optioned a 100-acre tract five miles from Guthrie, Okla., which they will first develop. This land is built up more than in Texas, which is the coming country. For the present they will raise peaches in Oklahoma, with the intention of developing the Texas property later.

The party spent several days in the Promont region looking over the ground. The weather was mild and warm, and only two days of bad weather were encountered during the trip. That the climate is healthy was shown by the number of settlers who went there not long ago for their health and are now stronger in body than they ever were. The Promont section, which is not far from Corpus Christi, the great winter resort, is of rich land which has been well irrigated and is now growing banner truck and fruit crops. The party then went to Corpus Christi for a dip in the surf, and continued to Brownsville, where they stopped at the hotel which was "shot up" during the trouble with the negro troopers. Around Brownsville there is much sugar cane grown and this is the coming industry of that section. Mr. Kurtz and Mr. Giles got there the day the largest sugar factory in the section started work for the first time.

After a brief trip down to Mexico the party returned and went to Oklahoma where they visited Oklahoma City and Guthrie, and optioned a tract of peach growing land, before coming home.

PATTERSON WOMAN HELD FOR MURDER

Shot Her Husband at Boswell and He Is in Serious Condition; May Die.

SOMERSET, Feb. 9.—Nellie Patterson, the colored woman who shot her husband at Boswell some days ago, has been placed in the county jail charged with murder. Her husband is still living, although his condition is critical. He is in the Memorial Hospital at Johnstown. The woman is 23 years old and is a native of Virginia.

Her husband had been drinking for some time and had been annoying her. As she heard his footsteps on the porch of the club house of the United Coal Company at Boswell, she fired a shot through the door, which penetrated his abdomen and inflicted a serious wound. Patterson may die.

Casino Theatre

Wednesday, February 10

TWO GREAT BURLESQUES
THE
Strolling Players

AND THE

Belle of Avenue "A"

25 ALL GOOD PEOPLE 25
Nice, Captivating Girls

GORGEOUS WARDROBE.
SPECIAL SCENIC EFFECTS.

This is a Good One.

25, 35, 50 and 75c.
Seats on sale at the Casino Clear Store.

STOCK TAKING

Your Money Back for
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FINISHED

We Make No Promises
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And Our Strict Policy Forces a Thorough Clearance in Every Department.

Determined to Start Every Season With a Fresh New Stock.

We Leave No Stone Unturned to Accomplish Our End.

Spring 1909 Will Be No Exception.

\$1.45

For Men's Stiff and Soft
Hats in black, pearl and tan,
that were \$2.50.

\$2.90

For Men's and Young
Men's Suits of odd lots and
broken sizes, that were for-
merly \$15.00, \$12.50 and
\$10.00, now \$2.90.

FOR 10 DAYS

COMMENCING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1909.

We Offer Our Entire Stock at Such Low Prices That
We Must Attain the Desired Result

We have concluded stock taking and find hundreds of odd lots, short lengths and broken sizes too small to be taken as value to us, as we do not need to make a showing for the benefit of stockholders.

We simply allow the amounts realized from these odd lots and short ends as a profit for the following year and give the benefit to our customers to buy desirable goods at 40c, 30c and as low as 20c on the Dollar.

GIRLS' COATS.
\$1.00 for Girls Coats, sizes 8 to 14, that were \$4.00 and \$3.50.
1.90 for Girls Coats, sizes 8 to 14, that were \$6.00 and \$5.50.

CHILDREN'S COATS.
\$1.00 for Children's Coats, sizes 2 to 6, that were \$4.00 and \$3.50.
1.60 for Children's Coats, sizes 2 to 6, that were \$4.50 and \$3.99.

LADIES' COATS AND SUITS.
\$10.80 for any Ladies' Suit in our on-
the stock that was \$25.00 and
\$30.00.

4.80 for Women's Rain coats, sizes 34
to 46, that were \$15.00 and \$20.
3.90 for Women's Long Coats, sizes 34
to 44, that were \$10.50, \$12.50
and \$15.00.
8.70 for Women's Covert Cloth Coats,
sizes 34 to 44, that were \$18.50,
\$18.00 and \$22.50.
9.80 for Women's fancy and black
coats, sizes 34 to 44, that were
\$18 to \$25.
5.70 for Women's Short Covert Jack-
ets, sizes 34 to 40, that were
\$12.50 to \$18.50.

LADIES' WAISTS.
68c for Women's Lawn Waists, sizes 34
to 42, that were \$1.25.
1.68 for Women's Silk, Madras and
Mohair Waists, size 36 to 40, that
were \$4.00 and \$3.50.
98c for Women's Satin Waists, that
were \$1.50.
1.98 for Ladies' Panama Skirts, that
were \$4.50.

MILLINERY.
HERE'S OUR FINAL SALE OF TRIM-
MED HATS AND MILLINERY
TRIMMINGS.

98c for Ladies' Trimmed Hats, that
were \$6.00, \$10.50, \$7.50 and \$8.00.
25 for Children's and Girls' Trimmed
Hats, that were \$1.50 and \$1.25.
25 for felt shapes in all colors, that
were \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4 and \$5.
10 for Wings, Cigars and Ostrich Tips,
that were 50c, 75c and \$1.
25 for all Bunches of Flowers, that
were 75c and \$1.
HALF PRICE for all Willow and Ostrich
Plumes in all colors, including black and
white.

17c
For Boys' Knee Pants that
were 35 Cents.

58c
For Men's Jean Pants that
were \$1.00.

28c
For Boys' Jean Pants that
were 75 Cents.

DOMESTICS.
4c for Standard American Calicoes, that
were 8c.
4c for Standard American Gingham,
that were 8c.
4c for White and Gray Toweling Crash,
that was 6c.
21 for Bleached and Unbleached Mo-
hawk Sheetting, that was 30c.
29 for Pink, blue and Cream Elder-
down, that was 50c.
47 for Red and Blue Double Face Eld-
erdown, that was 85c.
18 for Country Flannels, plain and
fancy patterns, that were 30c.
16 for plain and fancy border hem-
stitched and fringed Towels, that
were 25c.
9c for yard-wide dark Percales, that
were 12 1/2c.
13 for best quality Galatea Cloth, plain
striped and figured, that was 20c.

DRY GOODS.
6c for good quality Silklines, in plain
and fancy, that were 12 1/2c.
64 for 1 1/2 yard wide Broadcloths,
that were \$1.00.
34 for 1 yard wide fancy plaid and
check Dress Goods, that were 50c.
11 for 32 inch wide striped and figured
Dress Goods, that were 20c.
14 for 32 inch wide Scotch Zephyrs, in
new spring plaids, that were 25c.

HOSIERY.
6c for Ladies' Hose, that were 10c per
pair.
9c for Boys' and Girls' Black Hose, that
were 15c per pair.
16 for Ladies' Seamless Fleece Lined
Hose, that were 25c.

CORSETS.
58c for the Celebrated C. B. Corsets, in
broken sizes, that were \$1.00 and
\$1.50.
45 for Corsets, that were 75c, every
pair guaranteed.

BLANKETS.
\$2.70 for all wool Blankets, 10-4 size,
that were \$4.50.
3.80 for all wool Blankets, 11-4 and
12-4 size, that were \$6.50.

UNDERWEAR.
16c for Ladies' Ribbed Fleece Pants,
or Vests, all sizes, that were 25c.
36 for Children's and Ladies' Black
Fleece Shirts or Pants, that were
50c.
36 for Boys' Heavy Fleece Lined Union
Suits, that were 50c.
36 for Ladies' Ribbed Fleece Vests
or Pants, that were 50c.
9 for Children's Ribbed Fleece Pants
or Vests, that were 15c.
68 for Flannellette Wrappers, all colors,
that were \$1.

GENTS' FURNISHINGS.
29c for Men's Fleece Lined Underwear,
that was 50c.
79 for Men's All-Wool Underwear, in
gray, camel's hair and red flannel,
that was \$1.00 and \$1.25.
15 for Men's and Boys' Caps, that
were 35c and 50c.
95 for Men's blue, gray and tan Flan-
nel Shirts, that were \$1.50.
25 for Children's Bearskin, Tam-o-
Shanters, in plain and fancy, that
were \$1.00.
55 for Children's all wool Sweaters, in
plain and fancy colors, that were
\$1.
36 for Men's Dress and Work Shirts,
in black, blue and stripes that were
75c and 50c.
8 for Men's Fast black Half Hose, that
were 15c.
25 for Children's all wool Toques, that
were 25c and 35c.
38 for Men's all wool black and fancy
Gloves, that were 50c.
25 for Men's silk Four-in-Hand Ties,
the newest shades, that were 50c.
18 for Men's Fancy Half Hose, that
were 25c and 35c.
95 for Men's Dress Shirts in fancy and
plain colors; coat style, cuff attach-
ed, that were \$1.50.
1.18 for Men's all wool Underwear, in
camel's hair and heavy ribbed,
plain and fancy colors, that were \$2 and
\$1.50.
79 for Men's Gauntlet Gloves (Hansen
make) that were \$1.50 and \$1.00.
38 for Boys' Waists (Mother's Friend
make) that were 75c and 50c.
1.95 for Men's, Boys' and Ladies' Coat
Sweaters, with or without pocket,
in silver, gray and Oxford, that were \$3.50.

SHOES.
29c for Ladies' Rubbers, that were 50c
and 40c.
39 for Misses' and Children's Arctics,
that were 75c and 50c.
29 for Children's Soft Sole Shoes, with
plain or fancy tops, that were 50c.
98 for Boys' and Girls' solid leather
Shoes, that were \$1.50.
85 for Old Ladies' low heel Shoes, some
fleece lined, that were \$1.50.
1.29 for Ladies' and Misses' Shoes,
lace, blucher or button styles,
that were \$2.
1.18 for Boys' solid leather Shoes, in
all sizes up to 5 1/2, that were
\$1.75.
1.65 for Men's Dress Shoes, box calf,
gun metal leathers, that were
\$2.50.
1.65 for Boys' Dress Shoes, in patent
or gun metal leathers, blucher
style, that were \$3 and \$2.50.
1.95 for Ladies' Dress Shoes, in pat-
ent kid, gun metal and vici kid
leathers and button styles, including the
famous Sorsis shoes, that were \$4 and \$3.
2.65 for Men's Dress Shoes, in patent
calf, gun metal and vici kid
leathers, that were \$4 and \$3.50, including
the famous Stetson shoes, that were \$5.50
and \$6.00.
1.95 for Men's Dress and Work Shoes,
some high top and some leather
lined, that were \$3.00.
1.45 for Men's and Boys' Gum Boots,
all sizes, that were \$3 and \$2.50.
1.55 for Men's Felt Boots, that were
\$3 and \$2.50.

CHILDREN'S WAISTS.
11c for Children's Seamless Ribbed
Waists, sizes 2 to 12, that were 20c.
16 for Children's Ribbed Waists, sizes
2 to 12, that were 25c.

HEARTH RUGS.
50c for Wilton Velvet Hearth Rugs,
that were \$1.50.
2.00 for Wilton Velvet Hearth Rugs,
that were \$4.
2.50 for Wilton Velvet Hearth Rugs,
that were \$5.
3.98 for Wilton Velvet Hearth Rugs,
that were \$7.98.

TABLE COVERS.
98c for Colored Tapestry Table Covers,
6-4 sizes, that were \$1.50.
1.98 for Colored Tapestry Table Cov-
ers, 8-4 size, that were \$3.

BOYS' SUITS.
\$3.90 for Men's and Young Men's Suits,
that were \$8.50 and \$10.
5.90 for Men's and Young Men's Suits,
that were \$12.50 and \$15.
8.90 for Men's and Young Men's Suits,
that were \$18 and \$20.
10.90 for Men's and Young Men's
Suits, that were \$22.50 and \$25.

**MEN'S AND YOUNG
MEN'S OVERCOATS.**
\$2.90 for Men's and Young Men's Over-
coats, that were \$6.50.
5.90 for Men's and Young Men's Over-
coats, that were \$10.50.
8.60 for Men's and Young Men's Over-
coats, that were \$12.50 to \$18.50.

RAINCOATS.
\$5.90 for Men's and Young Men's Rain-
coats, that were \$10.50.
9.80 for Men's and Young Men's Rain-
coats, that were \$15.

BOYS' LONG OVERCOATS.
\$1.70 for Boys' Long Overcoats, sizes
3 to 8, that were \$5.50 and \$4.50.
1.78 for Boys' Long Overcoats, sizes
14 to 18, that were \$7 to \$10.50.

CHILDREN'S REEFERS.
\$1.90 for Children's Reefers, in covert
cloth, that were \$4.
3.90 for Children's Reefers, in covert
cloth, that were \$6.50 and \$7.50.

SUIT CASES.
85c for good quality Suit Cases, with
leather handles, that were \$1.50.
3.90 for Solid Leather Suit Cases,
canvas lined, that were \$5.50.

PORTIERS.
\$2.98 for Colored Tapestry Portiers, 3
yards long, that were \$4.
1.19 for Colored Tapestry Portiers, 3
yards long, that were \$2.

FOR BOYS' KNEE PANTS
36c
For Boys' Knee Pants that
were 50c and 75c.
95c
For Boys' Knee Pants Suits
that were \$2.00.
5c
For Cortecilla Silk 100 yd
Spools. Always 10c.

MACE & CO.,

THE BIG STORE

N. Pittsburg St., Connellsville, Pa

A GENTLEMAN FROM MISSISSIPPI

By THOMAS A. WISE
Novelized from the Play by Frederick R. Toombs

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"We can make father do anything he wants, and suppose I don't lead him on? Where's our project? Let him suspect a thing and let him go to father, you know what will happen. Father would be against that. Altacoola scheme in a moment. He'd be right, if it were necessary, rather than let a single one of us make a dollar out of a thing he had to do."

"You're right, I reckon, Carolina," said Norton dejectedly. "Your father is a real type of the southern gentleman. He hasn't seen any real money in so long he can't even bear to think of it. Somebody's got to make money out of this, and we should be the ones."

"We'd lose frightfully, Charlie. If they changed to Gulf City, wouldn't we?" said the girl apprehensively.



"Do I intrude?"

"I'm horribly afraid sometimes, Charlie. That's why I came here today. I wanted to influence Haines, to keep him straight. Is there any danger that they'll change? You don't think there is, do you?"

"Of course not, child. Stevens has got his money in, and Peabody. There are only five on the committee. It's bound to go through."

"Then why is father so important to them?" asked Carolina.

"It's past my understanding, Carolina. I don't see how he's done it, but the whole country has come to believe whatever your father does is right, and they've got to have him."

"And father is completely under the domination of this secretary," murmured the girl thoughtfully.

Norton nodded.

"We've got to get rid of him, Carolina. That's all there is to it. He has to go! When it comes to bossing the senator and making love to you, too, he's getting too strong."

"How can you do it?" she asked.

"You know when father likes any one he won't believe a thing against him."

Norton agreed sorrowfully.

"That's right, because like the senator's coming to think more of this fellow than he does of his own family."



"Why shouldn't I let him make love to me?"

"Why, I wouldn't be surprised if he'd even let one of you girls marry him if he wanted to marry you."

"We'd have something to say about that," Carolina laughed amusedly. "Do you think that Hope or I could ever care for a man like this fellow? Of course not. But do be careful, Charlie. This Altacoola business must go through right. It would be too cruel not to have it so. And then—"

"And then you and I'll be married at once, Carolina, whether your father likes it or not," ended Norton for her.

"With Altacoola safe, we can do as we please, as between us we'll be rich. What does it matter how we get the money as long as we get it?"

"Is this straight talk?" exclaimed Norton.

"Take it or leave it," retorted Bud.

The Mississippiian leaned with his hands on the desk.

"Well, Haines, if you're like the rest and are really interested in Altacoola, I don't know that you'd have to go very far to talk."

"You know something of Altacoola here, then, Norton?" said Robert, dangling with suppressed excitement.

He felt that he was getting close to real facts in a colossal deal.

Norton was sure of his man now.

"Well, I'm in touch with some people who've got lands and options on more. I might fix it for you to come in," he whispered.

Haines shook his head.

"You know I haven't much money, Norton. All I could put in would be my influence. Who are these people? Are they cheap little local folks or are they real people here who have some power and can do something that is

worth while?"

"Do I look like I'd fool with cheap stakes, Haines? They're the real people. I think, Haines, that either Senator Stevens or Senator Peabody would advise you that you're safe."

"Ah! Then Stevens and Peabody are the ones. They'll make it Altacoola, then sell to the government at a big advance and move to 'Easy street.'"

"That's right," agreed Norton.

Bud Haines straightened abruptly. The expression on his face gave Norton a sudden chill—made him tremble.

"Now I've got you," cried the secretary. "You've given yourself, dead away. I've known all along you're a d—d thief, Norton, and you're just proud of it to yourself."

"What do you mean?" Norton was clenching his fist. Words like that mean fight to a southerner!

"I mean that before Senator Langdon goes one step further in this matter he'll know that his colleagues and you are thieves, Mr. Norton, trying to use him for a cat's paw to steal for them from the government. I suspected something this morning when Gulf City tried to bribe me and a villain from there gave me what turns out to be a pretty good tip."

"So that was your dirty trick," exclaimed the congressman as he regained his composure.

"Set a man believe this to catch a real one," laughed the secretary.

"Very good trick, I think."

"I'll make you pay for that!" cried Norton, shaking his fist.

"All right. Send in your bill any day time," laughed Haines. "The sooner the better. Meantime I'm going to talk to Langdon."

"I had started for the door when Carolina Langdon re-entered, followed by her brother Randolph."

"Wait a minute," said Norton, with unexpected quietness. "I wouldn't do what you're about to do, Mr. Haines."

"Of course, you wouldn't," agreed Haines.

"I mean that you will be making a mistake, Haines, to tell the senator

what you have learned," rejoined the southerner, struggling to keep calm at this critical moment when all was at stake.

He realized, further, that now was the time to put Haines out of the way—if that were possible. "A mistake, Mr. Haines," he continued, "because, you see, you don't know as much as you think. I wouldn't talk to Langdon if I were you. It will only embarrass him and do no good, because Langdon's money is in this scheme, too, and Langdon's in the same boat with the rest of us."

Haines stopped short at this astounding charge against his chief.

"Norton, you fool! I believe it is Langdon when he tells me so; not otherwise."

Norton turned to Randolph.

"Perhaps you'll believe Mr. Langdon's son, Mr. Haines?"

Randolph Langdon stepped forward.

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"Ah! Then Stevens and Peabody are the ones. They'll make it Altacoola, then sell to the government at a big advance and move to 'Easy street.'"

"That's right," agreed Norton.

Bud Haines straightened abruptly. The expression on his face gave Norton a sudden chill—made him tremble.

"Now I've got you," cried the secretary. "You've given yourself, dead away. I've known all along you're a d—d thief, Norton, and you're just proud of it to yourself."

"What do you mean?" Norton was clenching his fist. Words like that mean fight to a southerner!

"I mean that before Senator Langdon goes one step further in this matter he'll know that his colleagues and you are thieves, Mr. Norton, trying to use him for a cat's paw to steal for them from the government. I suspected something this morning when Gulf City tried to bribe me and a villain from there gave me what turns out to be a pretty good tip."

"So that was your dirty trick," exclaimed the congressman as he regained his composure.

"Set a man believe this to catch a real one," laughed the secretary.

"Very good trick, I think."

"I'll make you pay for that!" cried Norton, shaking his fist.

"All right. Send in your bill any day time," laughed Haines. "The sooner the better. Meantime I'm going to talk to Langdon."

"I had started for the door when Carolina Langdon re-entered, followed by her brother Randolph."

"Wait a minute," said Norton, with unexpected quietness. "I wouldn't do what you're about to do, Mr. Haines."

"Of course, you wouldn't," agreed Haines.

"I mean that you will be making a mistake, Haines, to tell the senator

what you have learned," rejoined the southerner, struggling to keep calm at this critical moment when all was at stake.

He realized, further, that now was the time to put Haines out of the way—if that were possible. "A mistake, Mr. Haines," he continued, "because, you see, you don't know as much as you think. I wouldn't talk to Langdon if I were you. It will only embarrass him and do no good, because Langdon's money is in this scheme, too, and Langdon's in the same boat with the rest of us."

Haines stopped short at this astounding charge against his chief.

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Democracy of Lincoln

Loved the Common People and Was One of Them. Using an Enemy—"Public Opinion" Bathing.

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REAL greatness needs no trapping to make itself seem great. Thus the most noble and kingly souls have been most common and mean in their outer guise. Homer begged his bread. Buddha threw away his crown and became a mendicant. Socrates went barefooted. Jesus associated with poor people and publicans. Socrates was a patched habit. Franklin was a printer, wrote pamphlets for common folks and wore plain clothes at court. Robert Burns was a plowman. Abraham Lincoln throughout his life remained one of the plain people.

This was his no sense concession on the part of the great soul. In many cases it arose from bitter necessity. In others it was their method of proclaiming themselves one with the most numerous class of men. It was their method of preaching the gospel of equality. It was their manner of showing contempt for outer distinctions, the trappings of show that small natures prize so much.

Democracy is a spiritual thing. Men are not equal in outer ways. They differ in talents, education, bodily form, heredity, wealth and all external things. They are only equal in fundamental manhood, in being children of a common Father. God is no respecter of persons. His rain falls on the just and unjust. His sun warms the good and the bad. Human law must be modeled on this eternal law and thus must show no favoritism, must treat all alike, must be based on fundamental equality. Whenever it departs from that even by a hair it does violence to the divine and eternal plan.

Of those who attain the kingdom immortal the newest comes is equal to the oldest. We have in this the model for all democratic institutions. They have their origin in the spiritual nature of things. They approximate the unerring and impartial justice of the sunshine and the attraction of gravitation.

Jesus was the first democratic Lincoln.

What is more common than the gods, yet what is more beautiful? Hills, mountains, rivers, forests, oceans—these are seen of all men, yet they are the most enchanting things of life. What flower is so common, yet so beautiful as the rose?

So it is in men. That which is great in any mind is that which it has in common with all other minds. Genius is the power of stating fully and accurately what everybody else thinks. He is greatest who is most universal, who includes most of what is in others. If man is made in the image of God, then all men are made in the image of God, and he includes what is in all men. The more, therefore, that we can include of what is in others the more godlike we become. This is one part of the philosophy of democracy, a phrase so simply and happily illustrated in the life of Lincoln.

Such a divinity of the common is not all there is of democracy, nor all that Lincoln embodied of it. It is best for people to govern themselves, because they thus develop their powers and bring out their inherent possibilities. One of the worst things about monarchy is that the people learn to depend on the king to do for them



Lincoln Riding His Circuit.

what it would be better for them to do for themselves. By depending on another their own faculties become atrophied through lack of use. Thus the best one man government is worse than the worst popular government. If the masses lean on one or on a few all their own higher powers which are called forth in government remain dormant. Men are as good as great for the most part as they think themselves. They can do what they are compelled to do. The reason that government is best which governs least is that it makes the individual do for himself. Use makes for growth. The man who has to use his will, his judgment and his inventiveness develops his will, his judgment and his inventiveness. Centuries of popular government, popular education, universal respect equality and freedom breed a race worthy of all these high attributes of the full grown man.

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A kindred trait in Lincoln is likewise illuminative. He saw the clear distinction between private and public. He was most charitable to private faults while he fought public ones. With the first he had little or no concern. They were men of business. With the last he had every concern, for he being a part of the state, the public faults to that extent were his faults. He was responsible for them, along with all other citizens. This attitude he carried through life. Rigidity opposing every public wrong, he was most lenient and merciful to the individual wrongdoer. He pardoned such whenever he could do so without injury to society.

The same tendency was shown in another way and brought on Lincoln criticism from his old Illinois friends and relatives. He refused to let the most part to appoint them to office, holding that the private attachments of Lincoln the individual should in no wise influence the acts of Lincoln the president. He believed his old friends and neighbors to be incompetent for the offices they asked for. However much he wanted to accommodate them, however much their ill feeling would hurt him, he could not allow personal feelings of this nature to govern his acts as a public official. That would be akin to treason to the state. Napoleon was impossible to this pure minded man, and graft, private gain at public expense, would have seemed the greatest of crimes because a crime against society.

Just as he would not appoint his friends to office if he thought them incompetent, so he would not refrain from appointing his enemies if he thought the state needed their services. A conspicuous example is found in the naming of Edwin M. Stanton for secretary of war, at the time the most important place in the government seemed to that of the president himself. Stanton had been criticizing Lincoln in the most persistent and offensive fashion. He had called him ape and other names quite as uncompromising. Once in a lawsuit in Cincinnati he had snubbed Lincoln and hurt him cruelly. But Stanton was a Union man and one of great energy and acknowledged ability. Mr. Lincoln believed him the man to place at the head of the war department. Notwithstanding Stanton's irascible temper and other faults, the step has been approved by history. What other president, with the possible exception of Washington, was great enough to place a personal enemy in his official family on the sole ground that the nation needed him? Where was there ever a more perfect example of dividing private from public concerns?

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BANKING BILLS ARE PRESENTED.

Providing Important Changes
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TRUST COMPANIES INCLUDED

Limitation of Loans, Regulation of Reserve Funds, Liability of Stockholders and Many Other Points Covered in Measure Introduced in House.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 9.—Eleven bills to prescribe new laws for the control and supervision of state chartered banks, trust companies and other banking institutions under the control of the state banking department were presented in the house. The bills were:

Providing that state chartered institutions shall have the same limit of loans as national banks, namely, 10 per cent on capital, undivided profits and surplus; adding provision banking and savings banks shall display a sign denoting that they are private banks and not under state control; prohibiting trust companies from having branches; providing that the reserve fund of trust companies shall be 15 per cent of the active deposits and that 5 per cent shall be of a class commonly known as quick assets, cash and the like, and the remainder to be held by the depository, the effect of the bill, being to cut out the 5 per cent bond feature of the act of 1907, providing that trust company stockholders shall be liable for debts of a company and individual deposits therein to a sum double the amount of their holdings of capital stock; prohibiting any state chartered concern from going on the bond of anyone for faithful performance of a contract; providing that presidents of trust companies must file with the state banking department lists giving names and addresses and holdings of stockholders on June 1 annually; providing that directors of trust companies must be American citizens and holders of at least \$1,000 of unhyphenated stock of the institution; prescribing that investments made of savings funds shall be so marked and held and that in payment of debts savings deposits shall have priority; to enable the attorney general to institute quo warranto proceedings against banks or trust companies which have not exercised their charter rights within two years from incorporation.

Probation System Proposed.
A bill establishing a probation and parole system in Pennsylvania similar to that in Indiana and Massachusetts was introduced in the senate by Mr. Tustin of Philadelphia. The bill provides that, except for arson, burglary of an inhabited building, rape and assault with intent to commit rape, on the first offense the judge can discharge the prisoner without sentence upon probation. In counties not under the courts can appoint a probation officer and where they do not want such an officer the court can discharge the probation and the prisoner may be brought back.

An important bill presented in the house by Representative Jones of Susquehanna county provides that gas companies manufacturing gas shall pay five mills tax on capital stock and eight mills on gross earnings. This places these companies on the same plane as electric heat and power companies. Manufactured gas companies have never been taxed and it is estimated that the capital stock tax will bring in about \$100,000 a year.

A proposed constitutional amendment to amend section 1 of article 3 of the state constitution to enable women to vote was presented in the house by Mr. Holland, Washington. The measure was a joint resolution which if passed twice by successive legislatures will then be submitted to popular vote. It gives women the same suffrage right as men.

Wants Telegram Investigated.
Mr. Scott, Philadelphia, tried to get printed a resolution to investigate an alleged spurious telegram withdrawing a candidate in the recent senatorial election, but the resolution laid over for a day. Mr. Martin, Mercer, presented a resolution to exclude all lobbyists from house floor and corridors, and it too went to judiciary general committee after a debate.

The cash bill bond bill, over which a discussion occurred last week, was amended by its author, Mr. Wallace, Lawrence, to affect only those arrested for misdemeanors and laid over for a third reading.

On second reading the osteopathic bill was amended to affect only graduates of reputable colleges. The bill presented by Mr. Nichols, Luzerne, for boards to examine candidates for justices of the peace was the subject of attacks by Messrs. Fair, Westmoreland, Ramsey, York, and Graybill, Lancaster, and although defended by its author in a long speech, was laid over indefinitely. The army board bill was recommitted and that to make the national guard conform to the federal requirements was passed on second reading.

Denman Thompson Ill.
West Swazey, N. H., Feb. 9.—Denman Thompson, the veteran actor, is ill with pneumonia at his home here.

TAKE ACTION TODAY.

House Insurgents Introduce Resolution to Curtail Powers of Speaker.
Washington, Feb. 9.—The house "insurgents," who are agitating a change in the rules governing that body, introduced a resolution today providing for radical changes which are proposed to limit the power of the speaker.

The resolution was signed and jointly introduced by all of those who have come out against the present rules and these claim that many more have expressed their intention of helping the movement. Because of the plank in the Democratic platform in the recent presidential campaign, which pledged the party in favor of a change in the rules of the house, the insurgents are counting on the aid of the minority members, although they claim that no effort to join forces has been made. The changes proposed would make it impossible for the speaker to be a member of any standing or conference committee. The speaker is now a member of the committee on rules, to which the resolution will be referred. It also takes from the speaker the power to appoint the standing committee, this power being given to a committee on rules and committees.

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR

Various State Offices Filled by the Chief Executive.

Harrisburg, Feb. 8.—Governor Stuart has sent the following appointments to the senate for confirmation:
A. Nevil Pomeroy, Chambersburg, to be superintendent of the department of public printing and binding; Henry Beates, Jr., Francis Randolph, Packer, Philadelphia, and E. W. Ramsey, Chambersburg, to be members of the board of medical examiners, representing the medical society of Pennsylvania; C. L. Johnstonbaugh of Bethlehem, W. O. Ketter of Frugality, Chambersburg, and S. J. L. Louthier of Somerset to be members of the board of medical examiners representing the Eclectic Medical society of Pennsylvania; Gustave Medallier, Pittsburgh; S. S. Middleton, Philadelphia, and H. H. Bunling, Norristown, to be members of the board of medical examiners, representing the Homeopathic Medical society of Pennsylvania.

URGES WIRELESS BILL

President Says, Ocean-Going Ships Should Be So Equipped.

Washington, Feb. 9.—To prevent the loss of life by catastrophes at sea such as so nearly befell when the transatlantic liner Republic went down recently the president sent to congress a message urging the passage of a bill requiring the equipment of ocean-going vessels with wireless telegraph apparatus.

The president had been advised by the commissioner of navigation that in his opinion such legislation was most urgently demanded and he urged in strong language the passage of this or a similar bill.

PANAMA PROTESTS

Files Complaint Against the Recent Speech of Congressman Rainey.

Washington, Feb. 9.—C. C. Aragon, the Panama minister, called at the state department and filed a protest from his government against the speech made in the house of representatives recently by Representative Rainey of Illinois, in which President Obaldia of Panama was severely attacked.

The minister acted in pursuance of instructions given by his government.

JACK BINNS LIONIZED

Native Town Outdoes Itself Today in Paying Him Honor.

Peterborough, Eng., Feb. 9.—Jack Binns, the wireless operator of the steamship Republic at the time of her collision with the Florida off Nantucket, arrived in this, his native town, today and was given a reception which would have turned the head of any less modest person.

He was greeted by the mayor and city council. The horses were taken from his carriage and accompanied by three bands he was hailed in triumph through the decorated streets to the town hall, where an illuminated address was given him. He was made a freeman of the city. Andrew Carnegie is the only man who up this present time had been accorded this honor.

Binns makes no secret of the annoyance caused him by the repeated offers to appear in music halls, and no matter how high the price he has declined them all. He has been summoned to the London office of the Marconi company, where the directors will present him with a gold watch and chain.



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BIG CARD ON FOR ELKS' MINSTRELS.

Gilchrist Youngsters Scheduled for Three Round Boxing Exhibition.

THEY ARE CLEVER AT IT, TOO

William Joseph Gobright Again Gets on the Boards in Black Face Stunt With Gatchy Song—Beat Sale Will Open on February 15.

Chairman, Claude Anderson of the Elks' Minstrel Committee thinks he has secured the greatest bill over for the performance to be given in the Soisson Theatre February 18 and 19. Little James B. and William J. Gilchrist, sons of Pleasant, William Gilchrist of the Ohio City House have been booked for a three-round boxing exhibition and Anderson says this will beat any feature ever produced by a home talent company.

There sure is some class to the youngsters, who have attended recent rehearsals, and shown Director Charles E. Stout their act. They have much grace in the game and no little brawn, considering their size and weight. This act is sure to be one prolonged scream. Connellsville is well acquainted with the Gilchrist youngsters, as they have been one of the landmarks of Ohlyople for the past few years. Neither kid is over seven years old.

Another feature of the minstrel will be the return of Joe Gobright to the stage. The call of the curtain was too strong for Goby who forsakes his holes and shines long enough to practice end man stunts for the show. A few years ago Gobright was a headliner in local productions, but after making a hit with "I'm Going Back, Back to Baltimore" he decided to give it a rest.

This bashfulness has been overcome and there is no danger of stage fright attacking William Joseph, whom he sings the one best song of the evening, so he thinks.

Those two features are only a few of the many "hits" in the show, and there is promise to be some surprise when the curtain goes up next week. Nightly rehearsals are being held and the show is getting better ported.

The next sale will open in the box office of the theatre at 10 o'clock February 15.

ART COUNCIL'S MEETING

Discusses Question of Lincoln Memorial Site Today.

Washington, Feb. 9.—At the beautiful Oregon House, the home of the American Institute of Architects, the art council of thirty appointed by the president assembled for its first meeting today. The meeting was called primarily for organization, but the Lincoln memorial site question also came up for discussion.

The president is greatly interested in the subject and wishes to have the matter of the site for the proposed memorial to Lincoln in Washington settled as soon as possible.

Such questions as the site of the Lincoln memorial come properly within the province of the council, which consists of architects, painters, sculptors, landscape architects and laymen. The object of the council is the perfecting of advice and assistance in the discussion of plans for public works into which architecture, painting and sculpture enter, such as monuments, parks, bridges, etc. It is also to make recommendations for the preservation of historical monuments.

UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Indiana Said To Have Been Robbed By Lumber Companies.

Muskegon, Okla., Feb. 9.—Alleged timber frauds and thefts of gigantic proportions are said to have been unearthed by the government timber inspectors in Southeast Oklahoma and are under investigation by a federal grand jury, which convened today after a four days' recess. There are about fifty witnesses who will testify.

Several lumber companies are said to have been cutting fine hardwood timber and pine on Indian lands for years. The foreman of a sawmill near Tallahas was one of the witnesses.

BORES ON THE WAY

Weather Bureau Reports Progress of Approaching Storm.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Eastward across the United States moves the storm which is bringing with it a severe cold wave. By tonight, according to the weather bureau, it will reach the Atlantic states, attended by rain over the southern and lower part of the northern districts. Excessive temperature is promised for North Texas and Northwest Louisiana by tonight. The cold wave reaching the eastern lower lake region, the Middle Atlantic states and New England by tomorrow night.

Snow and high north winds are promised today in the Missouri valley, and by tonight in the Arkansas, Middle Mississippi and Ohio valleys, the southern upper lake and western lower lake region.

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THEATRE

"Graustark" dramatized from the novel of the same title, the book that made George Barr McCutcheon famous as an author, will do the attraction at the Soisson Theatre tonight. The play ratings all the heart interest and thrilling incidents of the charming story, and faithfully depicts the romantic adventure of a fearless American and a Princess of royal blood. It is in five acts and bristles with dramatic sensations, with a fine vein of humor interwoven in its melodramatic plot, and is vividly mounted with elaborate scenic effects and picturesque costumes.

"Graustark" leaves one with the fragrance of roses and an abiding memory of all that is beautiful. Gertrude Perry, so happily cast as "Princess Letitia," and Mr. Alfred Burton in the role of "Greenhill Lory," in a manner that recalls the heroic American to those who have read the book. The part of "Baron Danloss" is in the hands of Edwin Melvin, and of him the author said recently "this man has stepped out of my book" and baggage; he has grasped by conception of the Baron.

H. O. Taylor as "Harry Anguish"



A Scene from "Graustark."



GLADYS THORN

furnishes an abundance of refined comedy. W. A. Howell as "Prince Gabriel," Gladys Thorn as "Countess Dikmar," Jane Lottman as "Aunt Yvonne," and the others in whose hands various important characters are entrusted all do their share in giving theatre-goers a performance of romantic drama that sends a thrill of joy to one's heart.

"Tempest and Sunshine," the engagement of "Tempest and Sunshine," a dramatization of Mary J. Holmes' popular novel, which is scheduled for Thursday, February 11 at the Soisson Theatre, on which date W. F. Mann will present the "Barber" piece, is creating widespread interest among all classes of theatre goers of this city. It is now an established fact that "Tempest and Sunshine" is the most successful production ever launched. The theme of the play deals with the direct opposition of the temperaments of two sisters and the complications in consequence. It is vivid and truthful in its portrayal and cannot fail to enlist the interest of all who see it.

"Girls," one of the most delightful dramatic treats of the year. "Girls" comes to the Soisson on Friday, February 12.

others the firm impression that mere lists of names and good, indeed, as a sort of catalogue. They form the national club, and sing the national anthem. "No Wedding Bells for Me," before retiring back night, then take a solemn oath, to have nothing to do with a man, with hatpins, crossed. The characters besides the ones named above embrace a giddy, gushing educationist, who seeks rather than avoids the men; a woman-hating law clerk, a frivolous young wife, who is looking for a divorce from her aged husband, a tyrannical and never sober junior, a young lawyer, who is fond of women, and his junior partner, equally so; several lesser, ones and naturally toward completing a cast of characters with different ideas on the mode of living, that makes "Girls" one of the most delightful dramatic treats of the year.

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Fourteen Automobiles Destroyed.
Philadelphia, Feb. 9.—Fire caused by the dropping of a match in a can of gasoline destroyed the garage of Herbert Macallister at Overbrook. Fourteen valuable automobiles were destroyed. The loss is \$75,000.

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